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SUBJECT: PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY ON PX'S IN GREECE

1. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, DEPUTY IPPOKRATIS SAVVOURAS (NEW DEMOCRACY) TABLED QUESTION IN PARLIAMENT MAY 16 ASKING MINISTERS OF FINANCE AND COMMERCE TO REPORT ON THE STATUS AND OPERATION OF US MILITARY PX'S IN GREECE. SAVVOURAS CLAIMED THAT SINCE PX'S SELL GOODS 60-70PC CHEAPER THAN ON GREEK MARKET, THEY HAVE BECOME CENTERS OF LEGAL SMUGGLING. HE REPORTEDLY ASSERTED PX OPERATIONS GENERATE MONTHLY TURNOVER OF 2 MILLION DOLLARS AND ADVERSELY AFFECT GREEK BUSINESS INTERESTS.

2. UNDER PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES MINISTERS OF FINANCE AND COMMERCE ARE REQUIRED TO PREPARE WRITTEN RESPONSE TO INQUIRY WHICH WILL APPEAR IN THE PARLIAMENTS PUBLIC RECORD OF ITS PROCEEDINGS SHORTLY.

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